

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
April 13, 2011**

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Kubik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Kubik introduced the members of the Board.

Board Reorganization

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to appoint Chuck Rage as Chairman of the Hampton Beach Village Precinct Board for the coming year.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Rage). Motion passed.

Commissioner Rage then took over the meeting as Chairman.

Rick Griffin, Selectmen, came forward. Mr. Griffin said the Board of Selectmen has begun discussions with Chief Silver regarding the construction of the new fire station at the beach. All of the Selectmen agree that the plan the Chief did was excellent. People are looking for a less intensive approach to the Winnacunnet Road station. Mr. Griffin said he met with DOT regarding the sidewalks and they are trying to get the money to do the road and hopefully all sidewalks. Currently the sidewalks are not owned by the Town and to do this they would have to be, so this issue must also be addressed.

Marketing

John Kane, Marketing Director, said he has met with Greg Grady regarding the Sand Sculpture event. The location for the sculptures is still undecided, but it will probably be at the south side of the Chamber.

Mr. Kane said there is an article in Yankee Magazine recognizing Hampton Beach as a No. 1 Destination area. There is also an article in New Hampshire Magazine which goes all over the country and also to Europe. Ads are set for Comcast, Boston Globe and WBZ.

Mr. Kane said the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 16th, at 11:00 a.m. sharp. This will be held by the Ashworth.

Chamber of Commerce

Doc Noel said the new Visitors' Guide is ready. 35,000 have been printed and will be available in the Chamber office. At this time it appears that the Chamber office will be located at the southern part of the brand new complex. However this will not happen until June. At this point the Chamber does not have a distribution center, etc. Mr. Noel said he is looking for a temporary location. Mr. Noel said 1/3 of the Visitors' Guides will be distributed in Canada. Chairman Rage asked if the Chamber had come to an agreement with the State on the lease for the Chamber office. Mr. Noel said not yet, but the State will be getting back to him soon. Chairman Rage said the Precinct wants to work closely with the Chamber and requests their input.

Entertainment

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said the entertainment program is coming together and will begin on June 18th. The permanent stage will not be ready at that time, but the temporary stage will be set up. Mr. French said he is still concerned about parking.

Chairman Rage asked if there will be wandering entertainers for Memorial Day. Mr. French replied that he has someone in mind, but issues like power sources must be addressed.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said there is an article in the Town Report on page 166 about the Beautification Committee's projects of last year. Ms. Gebhart said it is planting season and the urns have been planted with pansies. There was some damage to the lilac trees and several will be replaced. Daffodils are also starting to bloom. The Committee has been busy cleaning gardens. Ms. Gebhart said perhaps some temporary flowers can be put around the statue for Memorial Day.

Ms. Gebhart said there will not be an official Earth Day this year. She is getting a group together to do an Earth Day cleanup and is looking for a location.

New Business Advisory Committee

Chairman Rage said the Board should get together with the Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton Beach Area Commission to do a round table with the businesses. Chairman Rage suggested waiting until June to initiate this because more businesses will be around.

Old Business

Ms. Gebhart said there was a lack of communication between the Clerk, the Moderator and the Supervisors of the Checklist at this year's Annual Meeting. There was a mix-up on posted dates. Ms. Gebhart asked the Commissioners to do anything possible to improve communication between these entities.

Walter Kivlan, Clerk, suggested that one member of the Supervisors of the Checklist attend each monthly Precinct meeting. Commissioner Buckley said these three entities should meet face to face before the Annual Meeting to make sure everything is correct.

New Business

Mr. Kivlan asked if there was any way to have a box on the website for public safety. Mr. Kane said it could be done under Rules and Regulations. Chairman Rage said there are also rules and regulations in the brochure distributed by the Chamber.

Steve LaBranche, Treasurer, said he had given each of the Commissioners a printout of the expenditures for the month. The Citizens Bank account is going to be closed.

Public Comment

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., said he felt the Public Comment section of the monthly meeting should be reserved for suggestions to the Commissioners. It is not a time for debate. Mr. Reniere said he felt the Commissioners should decide how long a person can talk during the Public Comment section of the meeting. The Commissioners agreed not to set a limit, but asked that the public keep their comments to a reasonable time.

Mr. Reniere said there is no mention of the Precinct in the Town Report and it should be included with pertinent telephone numbers, etc.

Mr. Jones said it appeared to him that the Precinct is not really interested in making the beach into a year-round destination. Commissioner Buckley said it is important that the beach be a year-round destination and the new advisory board is a good place to start.

Mr. Jones discussed taking the money from the parking and using it to reduce the recreation budget. Chairman Rage said the money from the parking lot goes into the general fund. Mr. Gebhart said either the DRA or legislation made the decision regarding the handling of that money.

Larry Quinn, 13 Tuttle Ave., said money from parking is paying to support the activities at the beach and the wages for the parking are coming out of his taxes. Mr. Quinn said he felt this was not right. Mr. Jones said expenses associated with a source of revenue should be applied to that source of revenue first, not to another entity.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2011.

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2011 (Annual Meeting).

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Kubik said it is time to get the summer banners up.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary